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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited by the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application (EP 07 006 831.7 - 1256).

In regard to Swiss reference No. CH 338801A, although the entire reference has not been translated, it includes the following features:

- Bra is caricaturised by the fact that each cup has on the inside an extendable band at least longitudinally.
- At least partially detached support so that it can deform elastically and not interfering with the elasticity of the fabric of the cup.
- So the breast finds itself in a way elastically suspended even if its volume is noticeably smaller than that of the cup and it is held without being compressed, the suspending action of muscle fibres being re-enforced by the band in question.
- In a preferred application the band is fixed in one part along its inferior edge, the length of the inferior edge of the cup and on the other part to its sides the fixation being affected after having given to the band on one part of its width adjacent to the inferior edge an initial tension.

- This form of application presents, amongst others, the advantage that the band forms combined with the cup a sort of pocket in which one could place a stiffening accessory for the cup and thereby creating a breast volume enlarger.

Two types of bra and how the invention would work:

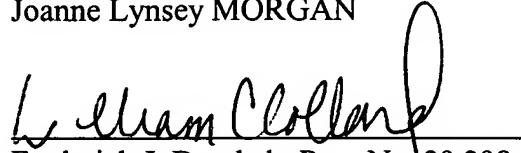
- FIGS. 1 and 2 refer to the application in a underwired an strapped bra
- FIG. 1 is a partial view from the inside
- FIG. 2 is a cross section on a bigger scale following line II II
- FIG. 3 is a similar cross section showing the same bra without volume amplifier
- FIG. 4 is a partial front view of the inside of a second application in a strapless bra of which the underwire of the one cup is independent of the other
- FIG. 5 is a cross section on a bigger scale following line V V
- In the application of FIGS. 1, 2 and 3, with continuous underwire 1 and straps 2 each cup 3 has a lining 4 and is equipped on the inside with a band 5, extendable at least in the longitudinal direction but preferably extendable in every direction
- This band stretches here all along the inferior edge of the cup where it is fixed by at least one seam 6
- It is equally fixed at both its extremities along the superior edge of the cup with a seam 7 so that its superior 5a alone is free
- In other words, the fixation is done after having given the band 5 to a part of its width adjacent to its inferior edge a certain initial tension where the length of the band taken is inferior to the length of the inferior edge line of the cup
- By these characteristics, band 5 forms a kind of support cleanly detached from the proper cup except from its inferior edge

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respectfully requested that the foregoing IDS be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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